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TAGS: ETRD, EEWT, EIND, UR, US

SUBJECT: MAJOR COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY-UDOKAN COPPER  
PROJECT

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 5843

1. IN ADDITION TO ANACONDA EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RAISED DURING NILES-STEWART-PLANAGAN TELCON, BECHTEL HAS INFORMED BEWT/TDAD OF ITS INTENTION TO PURSUE PROJECT WITH MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND STATE COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO BECHTEL'S JOHN WHALEN, COMPANY SENT INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UDOKAN TO GVISHIANI ON DECEMBER 31, 1973. ON FEBRUARY 21, 1974 THEY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE SCST'S CHIEF, USA SECTION, AYKAZYAN SAYING THAT THEIR

PROPOSAL HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY STUDIED, BUT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FURTHER AT THAT TIME. A PILOT SMELTER PLANT WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE BECHTEL PACKAGE, BUT WHALEN REPORTS THAT SOVIET PAYMENT TERMS AND GUARANTEES WERE UNREALISTIC. SINCE THAT TIME COMPANY HAD CONSIDERED PROPOSAL IN LIMBO. BECHTEL 'S PETER PATINSON PLANS ARRIVE MOSCOW FIRST WEEK IN JUNE FOR  
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WORK RELATING TO TRADE CENTER, AND PLANS PURSUE DISCUSSIONS

ON PILOT SMELTER PLANT WITH SOVIETS AT THAT TIME. WE  
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT PATINSON CALL AT COMMERCIAL OFFICE  
DURING THIS VISIT.

2. AMONG U.S. FIRMS CONTACTED THAT HAVE EXPRESSED NO  
INTEREST IN PILOT PLANT ARE ARTHUR MCKEE, PHELPS DODGE,

ASARCO, STEARNS-ROGER, AND CERRO. KAISER KENNECOTT,  
AND AMAX STILL HAVE PROJECT UNDER REVIEW. INGERSOLL

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